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Sports section spotlights the upcoming cross country season and the new head baseball coach. The A&E section has a several dining hacks for the MAX.. We also cover Milly Mainstreet's upcoming

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Campus construction improves GC grounds

Work outside the Centennial Center and the Bobcat Food Court will continue throughout the semester

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Construction projects at the Centennial Center and the Bobcat Food Court began prior to the recent return of students and are estimated to be completed over the course of the fall semester.

GC built the Centennial Center in 1989 to celebrate its 100-year anniversary.

"The design is very typical for the early eighties. It was built in a very auto-centric environment, meaning it was only about cars," said Michael Rickenbaker, university architect and director of Facilities Planning. "There was no outdoor public space anywhere around the

building, so it doesn't work very well for any kind of large assembly that wants to spill out to the exterior."

Serving as the primary location for convocation and graduation, among other events, the Centennial Center was designed to hold crowds for large gatherings. However, in recent years, many events have grown beyond the center's capacity. Therefore, the college hired Widner & Associates to design a new outdoor plaza area and the surrounding landscape.

The plaza will contain a paved area lined by a sitting wall designed to be used as additional seating for events. Areas have also been designated for tree grates that will replace the trees cut down two years ago when 88 parking spaces

were added on the southern face of the building.

The \$800,000 required for this project came from GC's general budget. Dyer Construction Inc. began work on Memorial Day weekend, and the new plaza is expected to be completed before graduation in December.

The second visible construction, located outside the Bobcat Food Court, is set to be completed by the beginning of September. Coby Dixon, the Zone Maintenance Superintendent from Facilities Operations, stated that the construction needed to occur in compliance with the City of Milledgeville Ordinance 0-1311-013.

This ordinance requires the capture and disposal of fats, oil and grease

(FOG) released from food preparatory locations' sanitary sewers. By preventing the entrance of FOG into the city's sewer system, clogging can be minimized, reducing potential health risks to the public.

To achieve this goal, an underground interceptor placed in the MSU courtyard will filter FOG from the eateries on campus prior to connecting with the city's sewage system. Dixon explained that this unit holds FOG until "the commercial sludge and byproducts" are transported for disposal.

Though the visible construction on the outside of MSU will be completed soon, unseen construction to complete the filtration project will continue.



Ada Montgomery/ Senior Photographer
Students returned in August to find construction sites around campus.

"There will be multiple locations on the interior of MSU where work will take place, but (they) will most likely be conducted outside of normal operating hours," said Dixon.

The staff at Bobcat Food Court is eager for the

construction blocking a portion of the outdoor patio to be completed.

"Soon, a lot of students can return to eating outside instead of being confined to the one space inside," said Jarvis Williams, supervisor of Bobcat Food Court.

GC plans for a better university in five years

14 committees developed long-term goals over the course of a year

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GC faculty, staff and students have been working for over a year to develop a five-year strategic plan for the university, which is designed to move GC to a place of distinction among its peer liberal arts universities.

The plan purposes to do this by outlining goals the university can follow towards preeminence, according to its official mission statement. These goals include, but are not limited to, increasing the diversity of the undergraduate population, strengthening community ties with Milledgeville

and Baldwin County and increasing enrollment in GC's graduate programs.

"I think that the impact of the plan can be significant and have a long-term effect on the life of this university, and on the lives of the students who come here," said Dale Young, co-chair of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee.

The process of developing the plan began in August 2015 with the establishment of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee. This committee created 13 subcommittees and gave them individual tasks relating to the plan's mission statement. Each subcommittee worked for five months, from their commissioning by President Dorman in

November to their March 7 report deadline, to compile initiatives relating to their areas of expertise.

"We all gave input based on our different departments and areas, and really, it was just a lot of brainstorming of ideas," said Anna Whiteside, a member of the Student Quality and University Distinction Committee.

The Steering Committee then compiled the information within these reports to create a rough draft to present to the GC community.

"The point right now is to just make sure everyone is on board with the general direction," said Dr. Gennady Rudkevich, a member of the International Education Committee. "The

purpose of this (draft) is to get some data."

Faculty, staff and students may view the draft, as well as each subcommittee's individual report, on the strategic planning website: www.gcsu.edu/strategic-planning. Anyone who wishes to provide feedback on the first draft of the strategic plan must do so by Sept. 1.

The Steering Committee will then begin making final revisions to the plan, with the goal of submitting a final draft to the president, provost and cabinet by mid-September. The final step in the plan's development will be President Dorman's presentation to the Georgia Board of Regents later this semester.



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Georgia College Studies Abroad

Five GC students share their summer experiences

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The Colonnade sat down with five students who studied abroad this past summer to ask them about their experiences. Ben Greenoe, a senior, is double-majoring in Political Science and Economics. Colin Yates, also a senior, is an Economics major. Sydney Butler, a junior, is a Chemistry major, while Destiny Helms, a senior, is an English major with a concentration in creative writing. Meghan Wyatt, a senior, is majoring in Biology.

Colonnade: Where did you go and why did you choose to go there?

Greenoe: I went to Canada for an internship at the Academic Council of the United Nations System. Canada is where their headquarters were located, so I didn't really have a choice on where I went as far as location.

Yates: Paris, France. I'm a French minor, so I thought this trip would be cool and it was recommended to me by the Bone House.

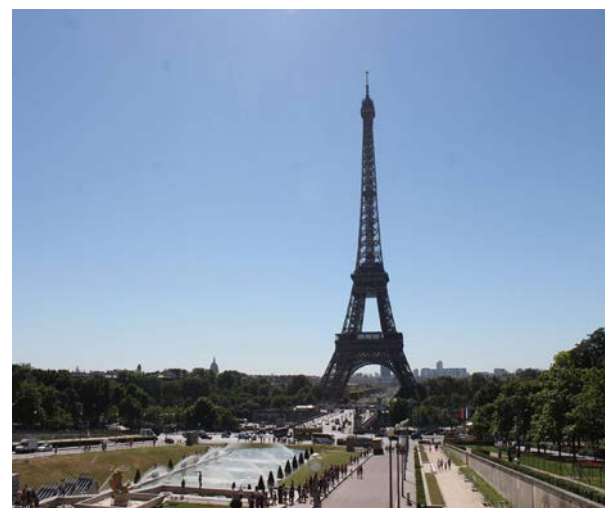
Butler: Paris, France. To me it was the most interesting place option wise and I've always wanted to go to Paris.

Helms: Edinburgh, Scotland. I thought that the literary history would be rich. Plus, it was one of the shorter trips and I knew that would allow me to have some outside travel time.

Wyatt: Paris, France. I chose Paris because I love Europe and I speak some French, so I thought it would be cool to put that to use, and learn more.

Colonnade: In what ways, if any, do you feel going abroad through Georgia College enhanced your experience?

Greenoe: Through the help of the study abroad office I was able to attend



Ada Montgomery/Senior Photographer
Seeing The Eiffel Tower makes Paris real for the students of GC.

a conference in New York prior to my internship and get connected with the director of the program. Also, because I was getting credit for my internship, I was required to keep a log of my experiences and it made me realize what I was doing, and made me think about it more.

Yates: It made it more comfortable and less stressful, because I knew the credits I was earning would work out. It was also really cool to be able to connect with my professor in a different way through being off campus.

Butler: Other GC students were there, so it was nice to know I had people around me from the same school.

Wyatt: It allowed me to see more of the local aspect of the city, since I was actually living there in the dorms of the university.

Colonnade: What are some things you took away from your study abroad experience?

Greenoe: I feel like I definitely gained network experience and I learned how to have interactions in a new environment. I didn't know anyone there and I wasn't with any other students from Georgia College, so I had to put myself out there.

Yates: I was exposed to new things such as art and I gained an appreciation for it that I don't think I would have had I not seen it first-

hand. It opened me up to new interests.

Butler: I had a better understanding of the culture and gained an appreciation for things in America that they don't have there. I appreciated and understood the differences.

Helms: I left with a greater appreciation for the community. I loved that Scotland moved at a slower pace and was very social. I got to hang out with the locals and discovered that people there really appreciated their day as it went, so it had a really peaceful atmosphere because of that.

Colonnade: What advice would you give to a student considering studying abroad?

Yates: It's scary when you consider leaving the country, but you can't let fear get in the way. By letting fear overcome you, you miss out on opportunities you can't get back outside of college.

Helms: Be prepared to get out of your comfort zone. The trip is a lot more meaningful and the experience is more well-rounded, because of interacting with locals.

Wyatt: Make sure you save up and take more money than you think you're going to spend. Put yourself into the culture. Try foods and get acquainted with the language.

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Bobcats name Eller as new head coach

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The Georgia College baseball team has a new skipper in the dugout, coach Jason Eller. Eller comes to GC with 19 years of coaching experience, including 11 seasons at the University of Georgia. He spent the last three years as the head coach of rival Augusta University where he led the Jaguars to a 29-22 record last season.

"I think there are a lot of things to be excited about," Eller said. "I'm excited about the first workout, I'm excited about the first practice, I'm excited about the first game."

Eller, the ninth coach in Georgia College baseball history, has lived in the state of Georgia for much of his life. He served as UGA's recruiter from 2007-12 and has learned that he really enjoys the recruiting side.

His experience recruiting within the state of Georgia was a key attribute that led to his hiring.

"For 15 consecutive years, he has been at a USG institution, so in other words, he knows every nook and cranny of the state," said GC athletic director Wendell Staton.

Not only can Eller impact the recruiting side of the program, but he has

the tools to make an impact on the field, bringing valuable experience as a hitting coach and a pitching coach to his new position.

"Jason's a real good fit," said GC assistant athletic director Al Weston. "He's been a head coach in this league before."

In addition to his experience in the Peach Belt Conference, one of Eller's defining attributes is his positive nature, which can really bode well with a clubhouse.

"He as an infectious positivity about him," said Staton.

Georgia College has set a standard for student athletes, which



Courtesy of University Communications
Coach Eller addressed the Bobcat community and local media at his introductory press conference in July.

is something Eller will prioritize this year by setting the goal of a 3.0 GPA for his players.

"We're going to emphasize the experience of going to class and growing as a student athlete," said Eller.

Eller will inherit a team that features 2016 Peach Belt Conference Pitcher

of the Year, Cameron Busby, and 2016 Peach Belt Conference Freshman of the Year, Wesley Wommack. Georgia College possessed one of the most well-rounded offenses in the conference last year, finishing first in the PBC in stolen bases (108), second in slugging percentage (.516), second

in on-base percentage (.414) and third in batting average (.332).

"We're going to keep it simple and make sure that we make the Peach Belt Conference Tournament, and then all the other great memories that we make from there we'll hopefully have championships behind them," said Eller.

GC cross country races into a new season

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Following a successful 2015 season dominated by talented senior athletes, the upcoming men's and women's cross country teams look to improve upon momentum gained in the past year. With many new freshmen runners and a great deal of turnover from last season's lineup, the team has a lot of work to do in order to reach the standard set by the 2015 cross country teams.

This goal is especially crucial for the men's team, which lost four of its seven key runners from last season's roster. Last year,

these four athletes led the men's team to a fourth place finish out of ten teams in the Peach Belt Conference Championship, and seventh of 28 teams in the regional meet.

"When you lose four guys that were as important to the team as the seniors were last year, you've got to do some work recruiting to help fill those shoes," said head cross country coach Steven Cary. "They were really big shoes to fill."

Ranked fourth in the Peach Belt Conference preseason polls, the men's cross country team is already taking significant strides in filling those shoes.

"It's kind of a building year," said sophomore



Courtesy of University Communications
Katherine Yost (left) and Daniel Sexton (right) are prepared to lead a young group of runners in another successful cross country season.

runner Daniel Sexton. "We've got a younger team, but there's still lots of goals we want to reach. This is a big year that we might see some good progress



throughout the season."

The women's team faces an even more challenging season than the men's, recently adding six new freshmen runners to the

roster. However, despite their inexperience on the collegiate level, Coach Cary has high hopes for the women's team, both as individual runners and as a whole.

"On the women's side I think we've got a lot of potential there," Cary said. "I get the sense that everyone's head is in the right place, that they are all thinking similarly as far as goals."

Junior Katherine Yost has a similar mindset, sensing a great opportunity with the freshmen runners and looking to expand upon the strong foundation built in previous years.

"You could tell at our first practice, people were already going faster than

we did last season," Yost said.

Both teams begin their season on Sept. 2, running in the Armstrong State University Dual. They will then return to Georgia College for the Bobcat Invitational later in September.

Despite the pressure of the upcoming season and the precedent set by last year's squad, Coach Cary is looking to the future – for this season and beyond – and encourages his team to do the same.

"They may feel like the expectations are high," Cary said. "So I think for them it's just important that they realize where they're at and embrace the process and enjoy the journey."

Rec Sports kicks off intramural season

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Georgia College intramurals will offer new sports and a full-time athletic trainer this year in what promises to be an exciting intramural season for GC students.

Intramurals are an integral part of the campus life at Georgia College. Last year, 2,451 Georgia College students played in an intramural game, resulting in 53,753 check-ins and 2,817 games played. This year, GC Rec Sports is hoping to beat



Georgia College students celebrate with their banner after winning an intramural championship. This year's games begin on Monday, Aug. 29.

Courtesy of Rec Sports

those numbers, and with 14 sports offered, they are in a position to do just that.

"We have a great student body here, and people really seem to enjoy the

diversity of programming that we offer," said Bert Rosenberger, Georgia College's director of Recreational Sports.

Programming this year includes last spring's debutants, Spikeball and cornhole, whose success last semester ensured they would be offered again this fall. Beach volleyball is also being offered this fall, a sport that was previously only offered during the spring.

Rosenberger is considering adding tennis and disc golf this year as well, noting that they take the students' preferences into account when choosing sports to offer each semester.

"That's just one of the things that we like to do in general with our sports, is if something does well and people seem to enjoy it, instead of just like wait until next year to do it, we offer it again," said Rosenberger.

Because of the risk involved with any sports program, GC Rec Sports has hired a full-time athletic

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*Bert Rosenberger,
Director of
Recreational
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trainer for the upcoming intramural season.

"We just hired a full-time athletic trainer, so we will have those services available to students if you get hurt at the intramural fields," said Rosenberger.

Intramurals connect the campus in a variety of ways. GC Rec Sports employs around 90 students

in jobs such as refereeing and scorekeeping.

Junior Laura Boswell, the Rec Sports supervisor, credits the intramural program for helping to bring the campus together.

"What other organization does campus have that you can have people [from various organizations where] everyone comes together and everyone plays?" said Boswell. Drew Bruton, the assistant director of GC Rec Sports, encourages everyone to participate in intramurals, even those who have never played sports before.

"We write rules to the general population, not to the super athletes, so it's just a fun, easy environment to play some games with people," said Bruton.

The deadline to sign teams up for this season is Wednesday, Aug. 24, at 4 p.m. with games beginning Monday, Aug. 29.

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Max Hacks

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Have you ever found yourself running from The Max back to your dorm, desperate to unlock your door and unload the linguini that you swear was sprinkled with laxatives? Ever wonder why upperclassmen are never spotted eating the stir fry or the spaghetti? You may blame these phenomena on the quality of The Max, but you are pointing your finger at the wrong culprit. Here is a little food for thought for those who are losing their cravings for fried chicken and french fries.

1) The “Wandwich”
The foundation to every sandwich is the bread. Choose a type of bread that you could place into a toaster. You can layer your meat and cheese in any fashion, but rather than finishing there, take the sandwich to the waffle maker (located in the breakfast nook) and place it on the skillet as if you were grilling a panini. Although there is a timer preset to make waffles, it is only a suggestion. Toast your sandwich to your discretion and dine away!

2) The Peachy Parfait
Finding breakfast choices is never easy and neither is making it to class

on time. This “Max Hack” will challenge the clock and will please your palate. Take one coffee mug from the breakfast nook and fill it three-quarters of the way with yogurt. Then stir in whatever cereal suits your fancy. To top it off, there are pre-cut pieces of fruit located next to the yogurt and by the deli to add a little delicacy.

3) Not-So-Terrible Toppings

Everyone can agree that the salad dressings can be a little drippy, so rather than topping your healthy choice with soupy salad dressing, ask the stir-fry cook to grill chicken, or other toppings to add protein to your plate. You can also apply this trick to pizza, hamburgers and possibly omelets.

The Max offers a variety of options, but adding a little artistry to your meals may satisfy you more than that same slice of pizza you’ve been eating every night.



Ada Montgomery/Senior Photographer
Max Hacks (shown above) are quick fixes for surviving college dining.

Mainstreet Maintains Downtown Culture

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Milledgeville locals and college students alike frequently attend events like Deep Roots, Hometown Celebration and the Farmers’ Market, but they probably do not think about who plans these events.

Milledgeville Main Street is the organization that breathes life into the town of Milledgeville. It is a team of dedicated individuals who work together to make Milledgeville a great place to live. They are involved in all aspects of downtown Milledgeville, from the design of the city to the economic development.

“[Milledgeville Main Street] is the absolute driving force for downtown development,” said Hank Griffeth, Milledgeville city planner. “It has a great staff who would bend over backwards to do anything anyone ever needed business-wise.”

Milledgeville Main Street must meet certain standards to remain legitimate as an accredited organization in Georgia,

including organization, design, promotion and economic development.

The purpose of maintaining these standards is to “revitalize the commercial business

the locals and college kids all come out to the festival and it’s really fun,” said Tal Oren, a sophomore at GC, who went to Deep Roots last year.

Another great thing



Ada Montgomery/Senior Photographer
Hancock Street (above) is home to many of Main Street’s events.

district,” according to the director of Milledgeville Main Street, Carlee Schulte. “The heart of the city is important to any community, and downtown Milledgeville is the heart of our community.”

Schulte also recognizes the importance of the colleges to the businesses downtown. “The college students make our downtown in a lot of aspects,” Schulte said.

“I had heard a lot about [Deep Roots] before I went and knew that it was a great event in downtown Milledgeville. A lot of people come from out of town to hear the bands and

about the organization is that they are open to event ideas from anyone.

“We’re always looking for new and creative things,” Schulte said. “I would love to hear ideas or things that we could do to help promote downtown and make it a better place.”

Some exciting events coming up are First Friday Downtown on Sept. 2 from 6 to 8 p.m., Black Heritage Plaza Shindig on Sept. 23 from 6 to 10 p.m. and the Deep Roots Festival on Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to midnight, all brought to you by Milledgeville Main Street.

Art-to-Art Talks

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In an effort to become familiar with the many facets of the creative community at GC, the Art-to-Art column was born. My goal is to sit down with as many creators as possible to showcase their passion and ability, and to inspire art in all its forms amongst my fellow Bobcats. So grab a chai tea, burn some sage and settle into your pouf because this is something you are going to want to savor.

The charmingly rugged walls of Blackbird Coffee

have been host to many a collection of local art. Most recently, the floral graphic designs of f



senior studio art major Sarah Finch are adding pops of color to the brick and beige. To get there, however, the

budding artist had to fight her way to the conception of the project.

In the face of a two-month independent study, Finch found herself in the midst of an artistic dry period. For several weeks she focused solely on quantity, cranking out multiple graphic design pieces of different moods and styles. She settled on a minimalistic approach, breaking away from her usually busy and colorful style.

“I just started making stuff, looking at it, taking what I wanted, and leaving the rest and going from there,” said Finch. “I had merged my busy nature

with this minimalist idea.”

The collection features a mix of floral patterns, images of nature, women’s portraits and even microscope photos of cells. Finch said she draws a lot of her inspiration from organic, textural elements such as these.

“I also love adding aspects of mystery and strangeness to my work,” said Finch, “because it kind of makes you give a double take and think about it more.” One piece, for example, features a woman’s silhouette with a flower bud for a face and wings on her back.

Including feminine features like this was a

key aspect in Finch’s most recent collection.

“Women are just so mysterious,” she said. “Even just having a picture of a woman who, you don’t really know how she’s feeling, but being able to add these different textures to her all of sudden creates this kind of mood about her.”

By creating these unique figures of women, Finch did more than just explore a new aspect of her ability as an artist.

“I did find, in reflecting on this study, that they seem to almost be an idealized version of different aspects of my personality,” said Finch. “Just being able to

make this art helped me be able to process who I want to be.”

She deliberately avoided writing an artist’s statement for the collection, as she wanted her viewers to have an experience similar to hers.

“I wanted to make sure they could experience the art for themselves and kind of get the meaning they wanted to out of it,” said Finch. “I really love allowing people to have that emotional connection or disconnect with the art. That’s really important for me.”

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